



Between 250,000 and 300,000 men had left work on the farms to join the forces and by 1916 it was recognised that we should copy what already was being done in Germany and encourage women to fill the gap.

Kineton was the centre of efforts in South West Warwickshire and on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1916 there was a packed meeting in Kineton organised by Mrs A.D. Flowers, Mayoress of Stratford upon Avon.

The Board of Agriculture was looking for some 400,000 women to come forward. The government speaker had caused amusement by recalling:



*“One farmer delivered himself as follows – “Women ain’t no good; never was and never will be- but afterwards it was learnt that this sportsman had been married three times”<sup>1</sup>*

So far we can find no anecdotes of local women who had worked on the farms during the First World War as part of the Women’s Land Army. We will continue to search.

Please can you help?

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<sup>1</sup> Information from “Kineton in the Great War” by Gillian Ashley-Smith